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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Rory A.J. Curtis and M.
Alexandra Glucksmann

RCE of Senal No.: 09/174,937

Filed: October 19, 1998 (RCE filed August 23, 2002)

For: *ISOLATED PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES HAVING HOMOLOGY TO THE NIP?
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF*

Attorney Docket No.: MN1-061RCE

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Examiner: Gabriele E. Bugaisky, Ph.D.

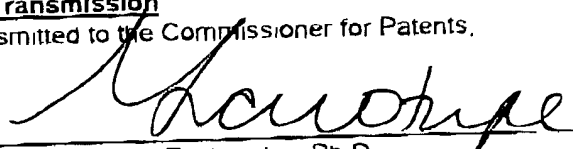
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 (Paper No. 24).

Responsive to the Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 10 lines 3-10 with: